By ARTHUR BRISBANE (Copyright, 1922.)

Where are the kings of 1914? You could add a verse to Villon's question:

"Ou est le preux Charlemagne?"

Before the war, according to Frank Munsey's own figures, forty-one royal dynasties ruled various nations. Only seventeen are left to mourn the death of Charles of Austria and hope that his son will be permitted as em ror to continue the career of Hapsburg fizzle and failure.

The war was a curse, but if something could do for mosquitoes, rats, mice, white ants, and the tse-tse fly what the war did for royalty, it would be welcome at any reasonable price.

A philosopher wonders why women will do anything dangerous in the circus, but are never clowns. An old circus man says it is because women hate to be laughed at. He is mistaken. A clown must get rid of all his dignity. And for a woman, fortunately, that is impossible. Try as she may, there always remains something human, dignified, reserved. No red spots on her cheeks, pointed cap on her head, or ridiculous clothes can change it. She cannot be a clown. Nature never intended it. Man, good clown, came first. Then came woman and dignity.

Prof. Conklin, of Princeton, says Bryan's preaching on evolution is "buffoonery." It is not that. Mr. Bryan seeks new issues, and has found one--better than 16 to 1. Nobody in politics will dare contradict him. Mr. Bryan is defending God against Charles Darwin, Lamarck, Wallace, Huxley and Haeckel. This defense of Omnipotence against its tiny creatures is applauded by great crowds. A few perhaps wonder that Omnipotence should need Mr. Bryan's defense against the five evolutionists, since Omnipotence created them, knew exactly what they were going to say, and allowed it.

Mr. Bryan, sincere, is doing useful work, collecting great crowds, and making some of them think without hurting the others that agree with him. He will turn many to the study of biology, which is all that is Eventually he may conclude, as others have done long since, that the trouble with humans is not that they are descended from monkeys, but that so many are descended from donkeys.

The Wolverine, fast train between New York and Chicago, was flying at top speed toward a pile of steel pipe and heavy timbers criminally put on the track. William Otis, engineer, watching every foot of the road, saw the barricade, slowed down, prevented derailment and the killing of his passengers.

It was not the president, board of directors, efficiency expert, or the ladies and gentlemen that draw dividends without working, that saved those passengers. It was the eye of that engineer, who is constantly told by railroad owners and their newspapers that the way to make railroads prosperous is to cut the pay of railroad work-

The traveling public might remember that.

The school superintendent of Atlantic City says school teachers musn't have hair bobbed; it

is not dignified. WHY? Isn't a lady with hair cut short able to wash it without sitting for two hours with the back of her head against a radiator as respectable as Mile. Cleo de Merode, with heavy hair draped around her ears and a

Belgian king in her record? School officials should not have Chinese ideas of the old kind. They thought it undignified to go without a queue down to the waist, and couldn't tolerate a woman that didnt squeeze

her feet so that she could hardly The marvel of yesterday is today's commonplace. An Airedale terrier in the radio room of the

University of Kentucky hears the voice of his owner calling him in Pittsburgh. The dog recognizes the voice, barks around the instrument, thinking his master is in it.

Eugene J. Martin, thirty-eight years old, discouraged soldier, who fought with the marines in the Argonne, sat listening to radio messages through his wireless set as he committed suicide by inhaling gas. He was found dead, wearing the wireless head-piece. He had written: "I am the result of thirty-eight years

We must find that which makes life worth while inside of ourselves. All the wonders of science will not supply it.

Unsettled with probable showers tenight and Friday, slowly rising temperature. Moderate cast to south winds. Temperature at 8 a. m. 46 degrees.

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THREE CENTS EVERYWHERE

Raid On Bureau Force a Fiasco, Says Union

BECK STRIPPED OF ARMY HONORS

Bullet Entered Back of Head Says Prosecutor—Inquest Begins Saturday.

> By JACK CARBERRY, International News Service.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 6.-Through the tangled web of conflicting stories shadowing the alleged accidental slaying of Lieut. Col. Paul Ward Beck, commandant of post aviation field, Fort Sill, and well known in Washington society, by Jean P. Day, former State supreme court justice and millionaire oil man, authorities today visioned disclosures which threatened to rock the army post to its very foundation.

Stripped of Decorations. For, while brother officers of the alain airman sought to defend Beck. Forest Hughes, prosecuting attorney, announced he "was on the trail of a series of gay parties in which glamor of the uniform mixed with brew bottles" would be revealed. Hughes based his investigation

into the killing of Beck on reports that the "Day home, in the hours preceding the tragedy, resembled a while the investigation proceeded. brother officers of the dead airman visited the harmonia in the morgue and stripped tree. Beck's uniform all insignia of rank and decoration.

The action was taken on orders

of Major Thomas B. Lanther, commanding officer of the military court investigating the killing. That other officers than Beck and Maj. R. J. Paddock, relative of Gen. John J. Pershing, were present at the party which eded the tragedy was denied both at Fort Sill and at the Day home.

Shot in Back of Head. Day's story of the tragedy, according to Hughes, has been disin the finding of the bullet odged in Beck's brain.

The mushroomed pellet entered back of the airman's head, splitting against the skull and penetrating every part of the head in a dozen

"How a man could be facing an-other and then shoot him in the of the head is beyond me.' Hughes said, commenting on Day's

In answer to Hughes' statements, Day re-enacted the tragedy in its entirety. With his twenty-year-old daughter, Doris Day, as a witness, Day with the aid of his wife, detailed every move he claims to have made in the brief space pre-ceding Beck's death.

"Daddy did exactly right-I glory in him." Miss Day, tears streaming from her eyes, told the group who witnessed her father's portrayal.

Attended School Here. Why don't they believe him-

why do they doubt mother?" the girl Miss Day, formerly attended Na-Md., just outside Washington.

Miss Dav's statement is believed to have prompted her mother in demanding the right to tell her complete story before a coroner's jury Saturday

want to tell my story—tell it Mrs. Day said. "I have nothing to hide—I did no "My husband is the only man I

Mrs. Day is expected to come to

"It is silly to say our home re mbled an army post," she said. We had many army men as guests, chiefly friends of Col. Beck, but gay military parties in which liquor

played a part. "Since my wife will testify. I too will tell my story to the coroner's jury," Day announced, overruling

the wishes of his counsel Conducts Preliminary Inquiry.

at Fort Sill, of which Beck was assistant commander, to investigate the killing, came here in an airplane with Capt. Alexander Mileau, r., and conducted a preliminary

Lieutenant Colonel Beck's body will be sent to Washington today, me I have been compelle accompanied by an officer. Burial because of lack of funds.

These 2 Wives Claim

He Is Her's.

Same Husband.
And There's Still Antother Girl Who Says

Sec. Mellon, Snubbed, May Quit

for Civil Service Laws.

Fear For 87,000 Jobs.

Union officials are concerned in

"The President has obviously been

ter," one of the union officials de

"In short, and to put the matter

reau was reeking with graft. He

"Plans were carefully laid for the

at 6:30, as every one knows. There

missed, and made a minute examina-

tion of all of them before they were

turned over to the discharged em-

incumbents, swoop in on

days investigation of the matter.

in the bureau.



PEGGY DAVIS GRAFTON.

Polly Lorayne, Peggy Davis, and Mrs. Ellen Curiey Mc-Intyre in Court.

By Cosmopolitan News Service. NEW YORK, April 6.-Joseph Donald Grafton, son of a Pittstional Park Seminary, at Forest Glen, burgh millionaire, is a much mar-

All of his wives are talking today. First-Polly Lorayne, actress, who

"Don took me to Pittsburgh, where he resided for five months. He introduced me to his father and brother as his wife. He took out a license to marry me in this city on February 1, 1921, but told me a ceremonial marriage was not neces- that his father was withholding

"He even introduced me to A. A. the aid of military men of Fort Shepherd, of the Garment News, boarder, as Mrs. Grafton. I am surprised to learn that Shepherd was Page 3. a witness to his marriage to Peggy Davis.

Second-Mary Margaret Laird Grafton (Peggy Davis), seventeenyear-old "Follies" girl, whose own story will be found on page three. Third-Mrs. Ellen Curley McIntyre, of Youngstown, Ohio, who ernment is not supported by records

"Grafton's ardent love-making Major Thomas George Lanphier, swept me completely off my feet, head of a military board appointed so that I broke my engagement with which Secretary of the Treasury Mela boyhood chum who had been a great favorite with my family.

"After our marriage we went to lon is understood to have asked Ford Cleveland and lived at the Winton to point out in what way the refund Hotel. Shortly afterwards we came was made, but has not received a rehere and took rooms at the Mark- piv to his letter. well Hotel. Since Grafton deserted me I have been compelled to leave Ford had made a complete settlement

Treasury officials said today that with the Government of all war-"Before he left, Don explained time and other taxes.

ELLEN C. McINTYRE GRAFTON

money because of an affair with an-

other woman, and at his request I

lon has written to the Detroit manu-

facturer, it was learned today. Mel

obtained \$300 from my family.

JOHN D., AT UNION HITS Mildred Morris Finds Him Alert President Misled, Labor Of-

and Interested in Present-Day Affairs.

Standing head and shoulders Failure of the Republican Adabove the great financiers and in- ministration to give some plausible dustrial kings of the world is John explanation as to the wholesale ex-D. Rockefeller, sr., the man whose pulsion of the entire executive staff vision and genius brought into of the Bureau of Engraving and being the greatest business concern Printing was today compared to the world has ever seen. Much is known of the works of John D. the parable of the hunter and the bear by union officials who have Rockefeller, the oil king, the philinvestigated the matter. anthropist, the business genius. Little is known of John D. Rockefeller, the man. He has shunned the matter because of the fact, it is pointed out, that if it is possible for interviewers and avoided contact with the public.

The International News Service Civil Service employes, without herewith presents the first of a charges being preferred against series of three stories about the them, none of the jobs of the 87,000 Governmental employee in the De god oil king, which reveal John D. Rockefeller, the man, as he is now, at the age of eighty-three, still ed, under the Civil Service law, keeping a light touch on the reins misled by certain persons whom he thought he could rely on in this matof his gigantic business:

By MILDRED MORRIS. Copyright, 1922. By International News Service.)

ORMOND BEACH, Fla., April 6. clearly," he said, "we find that the At eighty-three John D. Rockefeller is still on the job.

was told that the only way this I have seen the master of the could be proved would be to oust the world's greatest trust and talked present them, and seize their papers, which with him. was done, and which would establish

The aged Standard Oil magnate has been inaccessible to interview-

In company with Dr. Frank P. Corrigan, of Cleveland, Ohio, just is no conflicting statements as to the returned from a tour of South manner in which it was made. America made in behalf of the American College of Surgeons, I swooped down on the bureau, seizspent an evening with him and had a rare "close-up' of John D. Rockefeller, human being.

Holds Mental Vigor.

ployes.
"The President was informed Although past four score in years, he has lost none of his mental vigor. Physically, he is fit-surrounded by every attention, he looks good for synonymous with riches the world

He is optimistic about the business outlook-this man of vast wealth and mighty power.

Reminded that dark clouds hover over the world; that events and conditions give little ground for cheer, he said: "Don't worry. The darkness is

only temporary. The world is coming out of it all right. Thrifty of Speech.

The man of billions is thrifty of speech. He volunteered no opinions during the evening. Most of his com ments, brought out by the conversa toon, shed light on his views. sion was mentioned, he said:

'We can only watch events. An opinion expressed by Dr. Corri gan he supplemented with the re-

to the rule of common sense It was suggested that the coal strike would not turn out to be strike of importance. "You can't tell yet," said the man

who has millions invested in coa

To the opinion ventured that "it For other details of the case, see was a good time to strike from the standpoint of industries, with all hard hit by the depression and a FORD WAR PROFIT REFUND large part closed down," he said:

NOT BACKED BY RECORDS Dr. Corrigan expressed the belief Henry Ford's reported payment of that "Russian failure had been an prices," Daugherty said. "I do not lesson to the rest of the \$29,000,000 in war profits to the Govworld," referring to the soviet government of the Treasury, War and Navy De-

Yes, it would seem so.

'Yes, that is true," said the oil partments, according to a letter financier.

> He was accompanied by the two danger of hardship."
> devoted women members of his household—Mrs. Evans, his niece, reports from the districts in which (Continued on Page 2, Column 8.) (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.) \$10 a week,

ficials Believe-Concerned

Famous Actress Who Is Now In Want

Rose Cochlan

Rose Coghlan, for nearly fifty years one of the brightest stars in American theatricals, is almost destitute in New York. Defective memory makes it impossible for her to hold anything but very poor roles. Otto Kahn and David Belasco have railied to the aid of Miss Coghian, and a public benefit will be given for her.

"LITTLE NAVY" TANGLE

IN PRESIDENT'S HANDS The row between little and big opponents alike that Mr. Mellon's navy advocates was thrown back

dent Harding to mediate. Having listened to the arguments of the members of the House Appropriations Committee, who insist they will appropriate money for the pay the truth of the charges of graft more than 65,000 men, Presi dent Harding today heard the other raid. It was pulled last Friday night side of the story from Secretary of the Navy Denby and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, who want a navy of 96,000 men established. "Department of Justice operatives

Denby and Roosevelt had a long conference with President Harding. When they left the White House they said: "The matter is in Presi-

dent Harding's hands.' The belief prevails that in the end President Harding will bring the opposing factions together on

Secretary of the Treasury. At the (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.) basis of about 75,000 men.

> terests of efficiency." He has been in frequent consultation with President Harding in the course of his The shake-up in the Engraving Bu-

have been made in the customs service and the Internal Revenue Bureau, leading to a conflict between Dover and Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair, which was only roned out by President Harding's intervention

Attorney General Daugherty, and other Administration leaders that the Treasury Department was to be reorganization in the interests of efficiency," was offset today by Secretary Mellon himself. caused to be circularized among Treasury employes, of whom there are some 20,000, an official notice now or ever has been under con-

templation. "Such reports," said Mellon's cirficial source and are absolutely

without foundation.' There the situation rested today with all parties to the controversy

White House Friends of Secretary Mellon as serted today that his position

Mellon's Policies Rebuffed.

strong, his voice clear—I heard it sing the Doxology in robust tones. At eighty-three, I learned, he keeps in active touch with the gigantic business that has made his name synonymous with riches the world. TO CHECK COAL PROFI

All hope of effecting early settlement of the

nation-wide coal strike through a "peace meeting" between operators and striking miners, proposed by the House Labor Committee, was definitely abandoned this afternoon. Rejection of the joint conference invitation by a majority of the coal operators in the central competitive fields was announced by Chairman Nolan, of the Congressional committee.

The Government is prepared to stop profiteering in coal given "a complete overhauling and should it be undertaken either by operators or retail dealers, Attorney General Daugherty declared today.

The Attorney General is said to have taken notice of a movement by coal dealers in some parts of the country to cause buying of coal through fear of a shortage or future that "no such reorganization has high prices. Such dealers, he said, are "playing a losing game," pointing out that the public should be well-informed that there is neither shortage of coal in prospect nor justi- cular, "do not emanate from any of fication for higher prices.

Will Stop Gouging.

"The Government will find a way LOVE FAILED TO THRIVE to prevent profiteering in coal anticipate attempts will be made to increase prices of coal. There is no justification for any such attempts. There certainly is no reason why The aged multi-millionaire had the price of coal should go up now. to the Hotel Ormonde, just Transportation charges are fixed across the road from his winter and reasonable profits are assured home, to call on Dr. Corrigan and to the operators. There is plenty incidentally to hear the closing Sun- of coal in reserve. The country can day night concert by the hotel or go through the entire summer with a strike continuing without any

ON CHEWING GUM DIET CHICAGO, April 6 .- A package of chewing gum was the sole contribu-

to the support of his wife since their for his department now to be under marriage several months ago, according to the testimony of Mrs. Parks head' is leading to an embarrassing yesterday, before Judge Adams, in situation, his friends said. domestic relations court. "I met him at the Lonely Hearts Club," she said.

"That's right," interjected Parks. couldn't get married, but she said I have, let's go.' Well, we went.'

Treasury Upheaval Takes Place Over Pittsburgher's Head.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, International News Service.

An Administration family row of such proportions that it may lead to the resignation of Andrew W. Mellon as Secretary of the Treasury is in full swing in Washington today.

The retirement of the multimillionaire Pittsburgher from the Harding Cabinet has been rumored a dozen times in recent months, but the rumors have

proved groundless Today, however, these reports revived such persistence as to convince many of his friends and

retirement is imminent. Usual Denials Issued. Brought to the attention of the White House and the Treasury De-

partment, the reports met with the usual denials today It was not denied, however, that the most serious family row so far developed in President Harding's of

ficial family is in progress over the shake-ups already made and contemplated in the Treasury Department and its various bureaus. The shaking up is being actively directed by Elmer Dover, personal friend of the President, who only recently was appointed Assistant

time of his appointment Republican Senators said his mission was to 'shake-up the Treasury, clean out the Democrats,' number are still in the Department. Dover himself described his mission as "a reorganization in the in-

reau, with the ousting of 30 divisional chiefs by Executive order, was to be followed, Dover said after conference with the President, by the reorganization of the Customs Service, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and the prohibition unit.

Harding Is Pacifier. Some drastic changes already

The frank statement by Dover

frequent consultation with the

"rapidly becoming untenable." Mr. tion of Pred Parks, a civil engineer, buffs at the hands of Congress, and

Many of Secretary Mellon's poli-

cles have met with rebuff at the didn't have any money and said Capitol. His tax recommendations were turned down by Congress virtually in toto, and the House House The judge ordered Parks to pay Ways and Means Committee wrote its own tax revision bill, which was